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SUBJ: CEYLON DELEGATES TO ASIAN TRANSPORT WORKERS CONFERENCE

REF: TOKYO 1752

1. TWO ZENKOUN REPS, AS PART OF 22-NATION
ASIAN TOUR, SPENT TWO DAYS IN COLOMBO LAST WEEK
CONSULTING WITH SRI LANKA UNION LEADERS REGARDING
PARTICIPATION IN SEPT 76 ASIAN TRANSPORT
WORKERS CONFERENCE. TWO JAPANESE, MR NOKAI
(PHONETIC) AND MR KUNCHI TAKUCHI (PHONETIC) MET
WITH K.E. BRITTO OF COMMUNIST PARTY (MOSCOW)-
DOMINATED CEYLON TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION,
ANTHONY MARCELLUS OF INDEPENDENT HARBOR WORKERS
UNION, AND BALA TAMPOE OF INDEPENDENT LEFTIST
CEYLON MERCANTILE UNION, AMONG OTHERS.

2. BRITTO WAS SRI LANKA REP AT JANUARY
PRELIMINARY MEETING IN TOKYO REPORTED REFTEL. HE
WILL BE ATTENDING NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE AS ONE OF
THREE PLANNED SRI LANKA DELEGATES. MARCELLUS
TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS ALSO INVITED, HAD ACCEPTED,
BUT DID NOT INTEND TO GO. HE WISHES TO
EMBARRASS THEM BECAUSE HE DOES NOT APPROVE OF WHAT
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HE SEES AS COMMUNIST ATTEMPT TO SET UP ASIAN

TRADE UNION FEDERATION AND BECAUSE HE FEELS HE IS
BEING USED TO MAKE IT APPEAR BROAD-BASED.
MARCELLUS AAFLI AND AFL-CIO FRIENDS ARE AWARE OF
HIS PLOY AND MAY HAVE URGED IT ON HIM.

3. IDENTITY OF THIRD INVITEE IS UNKNOWN ALTHOUGH
MARCELLUS SUSPECTS IT MAY BE TAMPOE.
VAN HOLLEN

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